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*The Attack on
Egypt and Suez*

To the Editor of The Courant:
"British Attack Shocks Ike"
is the headline of one recent
installment of the former Pres-
ident's reminiscences now run-
ning in *The Courant*. This par-
ticular article had to do with
the Israeli-British-French at-
tack on Egypt in the Fall of
1956. I doubt if Ike was
"shocked."

The CIA had briefed the Eis-
enhower administration on the
developing crisis in the Middle
East at that time, and it was
known an attack by the above-
mentioned countries was im-
minent. The problem presented
to Eisenhower was just how to
slap down what most Americans
then thought were faithful allies
and clients.

Nasser's seizure of the canal,
kicking the British and French
off the Board of Control, was a
foregone conclusion. And Dulles'
incredibly stupid blunder in af-
fronting Nasser (some say it
was done by pro-Israeli elements
in the administration) was paid
by increasing Egyptian and
Arab hostility.

There was not one word in
General Eisenhower's account
about the criminal aspects of
the attack on Egypt and Suez.

The UN came into the picture
only after the United States
had brought pressure to bear.
The attack, by and of itself, was
against the UN Charter, and
also a complete repudiation of
the lofty sentiments proclaimed
at Nuremburg about undeclared
and aggressive wars. However,
it all depended upon whose ox
was gored.

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